

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented): A granular pesticidal composition coated with a thermosetting resin selected from the group consisting of a polyurethane resin and an epoxy resin, wherein when the thermosetting resin is a polyurethane resin, the granular pesticidal composition is obtainable by the method according to claim 6, and when the thermosetting resin is an epoxy resin, the granular pesticidal composition is obtainable by the method accord to any one of claims 16-18.

2. (original): The granular pesticidal composition according to claim 1, wherein the thermosetting resin is a polyurethane resin.

3. (previously presented): The granular pesticidal composition according to claim 1, wherein the thermosetting resin is present in a proportion of from 0.5 to 15 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of a pesticidal active ingredient-containing granule to be coated.

4. (canceled).

5. (previously presented): The granular pesticidal composition according to claim 1, wherein the thermosetting resin has a water absorption ratio of not more than 5%.

6. (previously presented): A method for manufacturing a granular pesticidal composition coated with a polyurethane resin, comprising the steps of (a) adding a mixture containing 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of (1) polyisocyanate having tri- or higher isocyanate groups and polyol, (2) polyisocyanate and polyol having tri- or higher hydroxy groups, or (3) polyisocyanate having tri- or higher isocyanate groups and polyol having tri- or higher hydroxy groups for preparing a thermosetting resin to 100 parts by weight of a pesticidal active ingredient-containing granule to be coated; and (b) repeating step (a).

7. (previously presented): The granular pesticidal composition according to claim 2, wherein the thermosetting resin is present in a proportion of from 0.5 to 15 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of a pesticidal active ingredient-containing granule to be coated.

8-9. (canceled).

10. (previously presented): A granular pesticidal composition according to claim 2, wherein the thermosetting resin has a water absorption ratio of not more than 5 %.

11. (previously presented): A granular pesticidal composition according to claim 3, wherein the thermosetting resin has a water absorption ratio of not more than 5%.

12. (canceled).

13. (previously presented): A granular pesticidal composition according to claim 7, wherein the thermosetting resin has a water absorption ratio of not more than 5%.

14-15. (canceled).

16. (withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a granular pesticidal composition coated with an epoxy resin, comprising the steps of (a) adding a mixture containing 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of phenol or alcohol and epichlorohydrin for preparing the epoxy resin to 100 parts by weight of the pesticidal active ingredient-containing granule to be coated; and (b) repeating step (a).

17. (withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a granular pesticidal composition coated with an epoxy resin, comprising the steps of (a) adding a mixture containing 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of carboxylic acid and epichlorohydrin for preparing the epoxy resin to 100 parts by weight of the pesticidal active ingredient-containing granule to be coated; and (b) repeating step (a).

18. (withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a granular pesticidal composition coated with an epoxy resin, comprising the steps of (a) adding a mixture containing 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of amine, cyanuric acid or hydantoin and epichlorohydrin for preparing the epoxy resin to 100 parts by weight of the pesticidal active ingredient-containing granule to be coated; and (b) repeating step (a).

19. (previously presented): The method for manufacturing a granular pesticidal composition coated with a polyurethane resin according to claim 6, wherein step (a) comprises adding a mixture containing 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of polyisocyanate having tri- or higher isocyanate groups and polyol having tri- or higher hydroxy groups for preparing a thermosetting resin to 100 parts by weight of a pesticidal active ingredient-containing granule to be coated.

20. (new): The granular pesticidal composition according to claim 1, wherein the T_g of the thermosetting resin is greater than or equal to 57° C.

21. (new): The granular pesticidal composition according to claim 1, wherein the OH equivalent of the thermosetting resin is less than or equal to 196.